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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1098

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, EC

SUBJECT: FISHING DISPUTE - M/V GEMINI ENTERS THE ACT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED (5:30PM FEB 13TH, 1975) THE FOLLOWING
COMMERCIAL CABLE:

2. BEGIN QUOTE THE US AMBASSADOR QUITO. M/V GEMINI, US
FLAG VESSEL, SAILING FROM BALBOA CANAL ZONE 2300 HOURS 13
FEB 75. BOUND HIGH SEAS FISHING GROUNDS. MILITARY PROTECTION
HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM US STATE DEPARTMENT IN CASE OF
INTERVENTION FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHILE VESSEL IS IN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS. CAPT. B.B. MAUGHAN JR. MAUGHAN JR. M/V GEMINI.
END QUOTE.

3. DEPARMTNE MAY WISH TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN WHO GEMINI
BELONGS TO AND REHEARSE WITH THEM THE DISADVANTAGES OF
FISHING IN ECUADOREAN WATERS WITHOUT LICENSES AT THIS TIME.
WE NOTE THAT M/V GEMINI WAS LAST SEIZED ON 11/14/72, AND
FINED \$128,842. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF THE SHIP'S TONNAGE,
BUT FROM THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE, IT APPEARS THAT THE
GEMINI IS ALMOST CERTAINLY OVER THE 600 NRT LIMIT.
AND AS A SECOND OFFENDER, ITS OWNERS SHOULD ASSUME
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THAT THE FINE, IF THE GEMINI IS PICKED UP WITHOUT

LICENSES IN ECUADOREAN WATERS, IS HIGHLY LIKELY TO
RUN INTO THE MULTI-KILOTON RANGE.

4. GEMINI CHRISTMAS.
BREWSTER

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